GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1612
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2007
PRODUCTION OF CARS
Singh Kunwar Rewati Raman

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the current production of cars in the country;

(b) the details of new tie ups in the next few years;

(c) whether the road infrastructure available in the country does not permit production of more cars;

(d) if so, whether the Government is considering to freeze production of more cars; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SMT. KANTI SINGH)

(a): As per Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) during the year 2006-2007, a total number of 12.38 lakh passenger cars were produced by the Indian Automobile Industry. During the first quarter of current year (April to July, 2007), a total number of 4.47 lakh passenger cars have been produced by the industry.

(b): According to SIAM, following new tie-ups have been envisaged:

i. M/s Mahindra & Mahindra with Renault.
ii. M/s Mahindra & Mahindra with Nissan.
iii. M/s Maruti Udyog Limited with Nissan.
iv. M/s Skoda Auto with Volkswagen.
v. M/s Swaraj Mazda with Isuzu Motors.
vi. M/s Tata Motors with Fiat.

(c): India has a large road network of 3.34 million km comprising of 66,790 km of National Highways & Expressways, 128,000 km of State Highways and 3.12 million km of District and other roads. Despite such road network, vehicle density is estimated to be 3.2 motor per km which is comparatively very low. Moreover there is continued emphasis on improvement of road infrastructure in the country.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.